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1. Recent Afghan coup caused postponement final presentation Lunar Sample plaque. (It was presented symbolically to now deposed King Uncle at July 4 Reception and returned to U.S. July 5 for use in special USIS display scheduled start July 17. Coup occurred July 17.) Change of regime now obsoletes plaque label under flag which reads: Presented to the people of the Kingdom of Afghanistan. In view of actual changes and changing atmosphere, suggest label under flag be rewritten to read: "This flag of your nation was carried to the Moon aboard Spacecraft America during the Apollo XVII mission, December 7, 1972. Presented to the People of Afghanistan from the people of the United States of America. Richard Nixon 1973." Wording of plaque under lunar sample requires no rpt no change.

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